

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:187
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STOPPAGE OF SAMJHAUTA EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Pakistan has recently discontinued the service of Samjhauta Express, the only international link between the two countries ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a to c) Following the terrorist attack on Indian Parliament on December 13, 2001 and in the absence of any effective steps by Pakistan to end cross border infiltration and terrorism, Government of India had terminated the services of Samjhauta Express with effect from 1st January, 2002.